

HONORING APACHE JUNCTION
POLICE CHIEF THOMAS E. KELLY

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Apache Junction Police Chief Thomas E. Kelly who is set to retire this January after nearly 50 years of service in law enforcement. Chief Kelly has been a steadfast defender of our community.

In Apache Junction, Chief Kelly worked his way up through the department, serving first as captain of the criminal investigations division before serving as Deputy Chief and then Chief. This impressive period of service made Apache Junction safer under his watch, however we are only a portion of the country which has benefitted from his service.

Prior to his arrival in Apache Junction, Chief Kelly worked in the Chicago Police Department. From there he accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), working in various capacities in the U.S. and around the world. He finished his time with the DEA as Special Agent in Charge in the Chicago Field Division.

Chief Kelly is a model law enforcement officer, which is why he has also worked with the

Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, leadership of the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police, and trained law enforcement partners on a global scale.

Chief Kelly will be greatly missed. While we claim his service in Apache Junction, Chief Kelly's retirement marks the end of extended service to the entire country. His commitment to protecting his community and setting high standards for law enforcement excellence will be greatly missed. We wish Chief Kelly a great retirement and thank him for giving his life to the protection of our community.

HONORING SAJ'S CENTENNIAL

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the one hundredth anniversary of SAJ: Judaism that Stands for All. Originally named the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, the synagogue's founding in 1922 was a historic moment in the growth of Judaism in America. One hundred years later it remains a cornerstone of Jewish life in New York City.

SAJ was founded by Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, one of the most influential Jewish

thinkers of the 20th Century. Rabbi Kaplan developed an understanding of Judaism as an evolving civilization, later becoming known as Reconstructionist Judaism. For decades, SAJ served as Kaplan's experimentation field. There, American Jews could take pride in drawing from their Jewishness to support their Americanness, and their Americanness to support their Jewishness.

SAJ joined the rapidly growing synagogue community on New York's Upper West Side, a neighborhood rich with Jewish life.

SAJ has long stood for social justice, equality, and progress. It is a place where all are welcome, including LGBTQ+ and interfaith families. In 1922, it hosted the first bat mitzvah in the United States. Today, it is led by all-female clergy and staff. Rabbi Alan Miller, who served as rabbi of SAJ from 1961 to 1992, introduced to the sermon the idea of "the open microphone," where congregants can share their reactions as part of a dialogue. Originated at SAJ, the open microphone is now utilized by rabbis across Jewish denominations.

Today, we celebrate SAJ's commitment to advancing justice in the Upper West Side, in New York City, and in the world beyond. We celebrate its one hundred years of bold, intellectual curiosity and one hundred years of enriching Jewish life.